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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 9174**  
Seiji MIZUOKA et al. : Docket No. 2001\_0348A  
Serial No. 09/816,155 : Group Art Unit 2878  
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CONNECTION DETECTING APPARATUS,  
CONNECTION DETECTING METHOD, AND  
RECORDING MEDIUM FOR RECORDING  
PROGRAMS EXECUTING THE METHOD

**STATUS INQUIRY**

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Sir:

Please advise the undersigned Attorney of Record as to the present status of the above identified application, and advise when an Official Action may be expected.

Respectfully submitted,

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